

## REMARKS

Applicants request favorable reconsideration in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 3, 5, 7, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17, 21, 23, 25, 27, and 30-32 are pending in the application, of which claims 3, 10, and 30 are independent. Claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16, 20, 22, 24, and 26 have been cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. No claims have been added.

The claims now pending were indicated as allowable in the Office Action. All of the rejected claims have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Accordingly, Applicants submit this application is in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

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